

**Mexican Independence Day**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month 15 September – 15 October**  
Saturday, 16 September is **Mexican Independence Day**.

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day by participating in one or all of the following:

***Fiestas Patrias Phoenix*** **Barrios Unidos Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street & Mohave (602) 279-4669**  
September 15 – 17. This festival of Mexican culture will feature food and exhibit booths, carnival rides, a children's entertainment area and national entertainers, including Alegres de Teran, Yolanda del Rio and Priscila y sus balas de plata. From 5 PM to midnight Friday (15), 10 am to 11 PM Saturday (16), and 10 am to 10 PM Sunday (17). Admission is free on Friday, \$3 on Saturday and \$5 on Sunday.

***Fiesta Glendale*** **Murphy Park, 58<sup>th</sup> & Glendale Avenues, Glendale (623) 930-2820**  
September 15 & 16. The celebration launches National Hispanic Heritage Month. The event will feature traditional and contemporary entertainment, authentic food, crafts and more. Ballet Folklorico Fiesta Mexicana will perform at 7 PM Friday (15), and Nuestro Pequeno Mundo will perform at 7 PM Saturday (16).

***Fiestas Patrias Celebration 2000*** **(623) 932-9098 or (623) 937-5587**  
September 15 & 16. Mexican Independence Day festival in Avondale includes live music, a car show, Ballet Folklorico, food and more. 4 to 10 PM Friday (15) at Sernas Plaza, Fifth Street & Western Avenue; 1 to 11 PM Saturday (16) at Coldwater Park, Dysart Road & Western Avenue.

***Fiesta Patria*** **Mesa Amphitheatre, 201 N. Center Street (480) 644-2560**  
September 16. A family event featuring Alejandra Milan, Mariachi Mestizo, Angel Y demonio and Materia Gris. **FREE**

***Rawhide Celebrates Mexican Culture*** **23023 N. Scottsdale Road (480) 502-5600**  
Through September 24. Mexican culture is highlighted with music, dance, food, arts and crafts, rodeo events and more.  
5 to 10 PM weekdays; 3 to 10 PM weekends. \$8; \$7 ages 60 and older; \$5 ages 4-11; free ages 3 and younger with a paid adult admission.